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REMARKS

No definitive prior art search has been conducted.

The cited US patent is considered cumulative relative to present application.

The cited reference and the present application belong to the same person.

The torque conducting portion of the cited reference can be used, with only slight surface changes, in constructing the present combination of connector and seal. Please refer to figure 1, seal 8, and figure 2, seal 15. These seals are being replaced by the seal 12 of figures 1-3.

The modifications required to make the seal change are minor but the manner of sealing action changes fundamentally. Seal 8 is a sliding seal, whereas seal 12 is hermetic and flexes rather than slides. Such seal changes cannot be fully tested without running them in down hole conditions. Each design advance is more challenging than the same design advance for surface-only use would entail.

The seals shown by figures 1 and 2 are currently in use and are performing as expected.

Respectfully submitted,



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